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A. Production: production measures and policiesA.1. Statistical data on total volume of productionDomestic Production

	Unit	1965	1966	1967 ¹
<u>Horses</u>				
Number of slaughtered animals		11,174	8,656	6,210
Average deadweight	kgs.	252	271	271
Production of meat	tons	2,816	2,346	1,683
<u>Pigs</u>				
Number of slaughtered animals		3,435,447	3,233,645	3,277,006
Average deadweight	kgs.	89	88	88
Production of meat	tons	305,009	283,820	287,627
<u>Sheep</u>				
Number of slaughtered animals		41,730	40,632	38,751
Average deadweight	kgs.	24	24	24
Production of meat	tons	1,002	975	930
		1966/67		
<u>Poultry</u>				
Production for slaughter	tons	-	40,000	

¹Preliminary.A.2. Trends in production and estimates for 1970Pigs

With a few exceptions, practically the entire domestic demand was met by home production during the last few years. It is anticipated that this will also be the case in future. An independent production forecast is therefore superfluous. Exports (with the exception of a few cyclic peaks) hardly come into question.

Poultry

Stimulated by lively demand and particularly great advances in productivity, production of poultry for slaughter has considerably increased during the last few years. In 1966/67 about 40,000 tons of poultry for slaughter were produced domestically and 13,500 tons imported. For 1970 a total production of about 48,000 tons of poultry meat may be anticipated.

A.3. Statistical data on carry-over stocks and stockpiles

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A.4. Factors which affect production

See general reply in section A.4. of COM.AG/W/33.

A.5. Policies and measures of governments or other bodies likely to influence production other than those listed under B

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B. Protection and support measures and policies

B.I. Internal support measures and policies

B.I.1. Inventory of the instruments of support

Apart from storage arrangements the prices of other meats than beef and veal are only supported by the measures listed under B.II.

B.I.2. Levels of guaranteed prices or support prices

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B.I.3. Amount of producer subsidies

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B.I.4. Average returns to producers

The average return to the producer cannot be given because such details are not at hand and cannot be ascertained at short notice.

B.I.5. Method of determining returns for producers

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B.II. Measures at the frontier

By virtue of the Marketing Law of 1958 imports of pigs and pigmeat are subject to a quantity control: every year, domestic needs and production being taken into account import and export plans are established.

On imports of pigs and pigmeat a variable levy is raised with the object to bring the prices of the imported products into line with domestic wholesale prices. No additional protective charge is applied.

Imports of poultry, mutton and lamb are liberalized. For these products only a customs duty is charged.

C. Consumption and internal prices

C.1. Statistical data on consumption

C.2. Trends in consumption and estimates for 1970

Development of Total Consumption

(in '000 tons)

	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1970 ¹	Percentage increase 1966/67 to 1970
Pigmeat	267.0	271.5	260.0	278.2	+ 7.0
Poultry	42.5	45.5	53.5	60.1	+ 12.3
Other meats	17.0	17.0	16.0	14.8	- 7.5

Development of Consumption per Head

(in kgs.)

	1964/65	1965/66	1966/67	1970 ¹	Percentage increase 1966/67 to 1970
Pigmeat	36.9	37.3	35.6	37.5	+ 5.3
Poultry	5.9	6.3	7.3	8.1	+ 11.0
Other meats	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.0	- 9.1

¹Estimate.

Up to 1965/67 the consumption of meat steadily rose. In 1966/67 it remained unchanged, only, however, because the domestic production of pigs had temporarily dropped and the price of imported pigs was very high. In 1970 consumption of pork will again be as high as in 1965/66 (36.5 kgs.). It is anticipated that there will be a steep rise in the consumption of poultry. As the income elasticity of the demand for poultry is relatively high and as, by reason of its comparatively low price, poultry will frequently be substituted for veal, it is probable that in 1970 a per capita quota for poultry of at least 8.1 kgs. will be reached, which is 11 per cent higher than in 1966/67.

C.3. Retail and wholesale prices on major internal markets

Retail Prices in Austrian Schillings and (US\$) per kgs.

	1965	1966	1967
Pigmeat	36.70 (\$1.41)	41.30 (\$1.59)	43.60 (\$1.68)
Pig's belly	26.80 (\$1.03)	29.50 (\$1.13)	30.80 (\$1.18)
Lard	16.70 (\$0.64)	16.70 (\$0.64)	17.40 (\$0.67)
Sausage	30.50 (\$1.17)	31.80 (\$1.22)	33.10 (\$1.27)

Average Wholesale Prices for Live Pigs
in Austrian Schillings and (US\$) per 100 kgs.

1965	1966	1967
1,390 (\$53.46)	1,624 (\$62.46)	1,597 (\$61.42)

C.4. Factors which condition the evolution of internal consumption

See general reply in section C.4. COM.AG/W/33.

C.5. Policies and measures affecting consumption

D. International trade and prices

D.1. Statistical data on the total volume and value of imports and exports by source and destination

Austrian Imports in Million Austrian Schillings and (US\$ Million)

	1965	1966	1967
Live animals (including cattle and calves)	149.0 (\$5.731)	418.5 (\$16.096)	167.6 (\$6.646)
Meat and meat preparations (including beef and veal)	530.3 (\$20.396)	552.0 (\$21.230)	471.9 (\$18.150)

Austrian Exports in Million Austrian Schillings and (US\$ Million)

	1965	1966	1967
Live animals (including cattle and calves)	945.5 (\$36.365)	646.1 (\$24.850)	1,023.1 (\$39.349)
Meat and meat preparations (including beef and veal)	169.1 (\$6.504)	252.1 (\$9.734)	244.1 (\$9.383)

Exports of Live Pigs (Numbers)

1965	22,098
1966	52
1967 (preliminary)	19,694

D.2. Levels of export prices prevailing in various markets: levels of import prices

Average Export Prices for Pork and Veal
in Austrian Schillings and (US\$)

	1965	1966	1967
Italy	31.47 (\$1.21)	29.90 (\$1.15)	28.46 (\$1.09)
Germany, F.R.	18.96 (\$0.73)	18.45 (\$0.71)	24.91 (\$0.96)

The contrast between export prices for beef and veal for Italy and those for the Federal Republic of Germany is due to the greater demand in Italy for quality goods.

D.3. Export aid measures and policies

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D.4. Description of bilateral agreements affecting imports or exports

Austria has contracted bilateral trade agreements with a number of countries with which it has not been possible to set up a multilateral payment system. The quota arrangements have purely indicative value.